

Application No. To be assigned
(Continuation of 10/313,601)
Preliminary amendment

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification to correct a typographical error on page 7, line 10 of the specification; namely, step a) has been amended to step c). Support for the amendment can be found in the specification. No new matter has been introduced by the specification amendment.

There are 47 originally filed claims in the US application Serial No. 10/313,601 filed December 4, 2002, to which the subject application is a continuation of. Applicants respectfully file the present continuation application to pursue claims 1-8 and 46-47. Applicants believe that the pending claims (i.e., claims 1-8 and 46-47) are free of prior art and patentable and allowance of these claims are respectfully requested. The Examiner can reach undersigned at (212) 908-6018 when this application is taken up for further action.

Respectfully submitted,

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